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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6010

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID HA  
SUBJ: GOH REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT BRIDGE AT CAP HAITIAN

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM GOH JOINTLY SIGNED BY FINANCE SECRETARY BROS AND PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY SAINT COME WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 REQUESTING REPLACEMENT FOR CAP HAITIAN BRIDGE WHICH APPARENTLY COLLAPSED SOME DAYS AGO. ROUGH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS IN PARA 2.

2. THE COLLAPSE OF THE HYPOLLITE BRIDGE--THE NORMAL CONNECTION BETWEEN CAP HAITIAN AND THE REST OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE NORTH, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE CITADELLE--HAS CREATED A STATE OF URGENCY. WE MUST, IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE DELAY, RE-ESTABLISH TRAFFIC.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION EITHER TO OBTAIN WITH ALL URGENCY A BAILEY TYPE BRIDGE AS WELL AS THE MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR ITS INSTALLATION, OR TO RECEIVE HELP IN ANOTHER SOLUTION PERMITTING US TO HAVE TEMPORARY PASSAGE UNTIL A PERMANENT BRIDGE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

3. AID ENGINEER HAS SURVEYED THE BRIDGE AND THE PRESENT ALTERNATIVE ROUTE. HIS FINDINGS WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. ON THE BASIS OF HIS FINDINGS AND SOME SOUNDINGS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY MAKING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF BAILEY TYPE BRIDGES, THE EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION AS TO HOW  
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TO RESPOND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI'S REQUEST. WE HOPE TO MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.  
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